

## Winter Weather Notification

In anticipation of freezing rain and snow during the next few months, Fort Leavenworth personnel are reminded to review the Fort Leavenworth Winter Weather standard operating procedures on how personnel are notified of delayed openings/early releases and how the post will operate in the event of severe weather. Leaders should ensure all personnel are aware of these procedures and that they have identified personnel responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks and steps of their activity.

On behalf of the installation commander, the Garrison commander along with the Combined Arms Center chief of staff will make the decision to curtail or delay operations at CAC and Fort Leavenworth.

During duty hours, the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will announce a time-phased departure using the AT Hoc mass warning and notification system, which includes a desktop alert, text message, phone message and e-mail alert. Garrison Public Affairs will publish the information on the on-post only cable Channel 2, the Fort Leavenworth Facebook page and by e-mail via the Command Information distribution list, which goes to primary and alternate points of contact in each organization on post.

During non-duty hours, the AT Hoc system will be used to notify those registered. Additional road status information is available at:

<http://garrison.leavenworth.army.mil/index.php/about/post-status>

Employees must use their chain of command to receive information on delayed openings or early release.

Do not call the Emergency Operations Center, the staff duty officer or other post emergency contacts. Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors should ensure that their contact information is up to date in AT Hoc in order to be notified appropriately.

In addition, PAO will contact local media outlets and community access channels off post in Leavenworth and Lansing. Employees, however, should not depend on local media announcements as the official means of notification.

## Unified School District 207 makes its own winter weather call.

Fort Leavenworth USD 207 has separate decision authority and procedures and coordinates its decision with the installation staff.

USD 207's winter weather policy remains the same as in past years. Applicable to all schools on post, the policy states that when the decision is made that schools will be open, some parents may choose to keep their children home because weather conditions may be considered

marginal. Such absences will be excused and any school work missed may be made up without penalty.

In the event schools are closed for the day, USD 207 will make the decision no later than 6 a.m. and provide notice to all major television stations in the Kansas City area by 6:15 a.m. Information will also be passed to the Installation Operations Center for posting on the installation website.

USD 207 will send out a Skylert message via telephone/email/text to all students' households.

Television stations notified are WDAF Fox 4, KCTV-5, KMBC (9), WIBW TV 13 (Topeka), and KSHB (41).

Parents need to listen to news broadcasts on inclement weather mornings and decide whether or not to send their children to school.

USD 207 will not dismiss school early — schools will remain open. USD 207 does not participate in delayed entry. Schools will be open as usual unless closed for the day. Any parents who feel their children should come home early can pick them up from school. Such absences will be excused and work missed can be made up without penalty.

Questions about USD 207 should be directed to 651-7373.

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